



## ***Lake Placid Synagogue Newsletter***

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### **From the Desk of the Adirondacker Fall 2016**

The summer is over and we are beginning our preparations for services and activities to welcome the new year of 5777. This is the time of year when the adrenalin starts to flow and the excitement builds. The challenges and opportunities for Jewish renewal and enhancement are almost here. The Jewish holidays are either early or late, never on time. And this year they are very, very late. This is an opportunity to turn inward and prepare for the indoor season, when the synagogue will be a haven from the outside world and the weather.

The past year has been one of war, terror, natural disasters and has been decidedly challenging. So! What else is new? We human beings are making an incredible mess of this wonderful world. I hear many of you asking what will happen, will there be peace, will we be able to make things better? How can we individuals affect the macrocosm of the world?

We should not kid ourselves that this is an easy task. Our tradition teaches that we have to pursue *tikkun olam* - the repair of the world, or our small piece of it, and we are not free to decide to do nothing. The reality is that none of us has the magic or the power to improve the larger scene. However, we can certainly affect those around us and those with whom we come in contact. The rabbis taught us that whoever saves a single life is like one who saves the whole world. The only way to fix the world is one bit at a time.

At the High Holiday season we look back on the past year and examine our actions so that we can learn from the past and set a new course for ourselves in the new year. The accent of Rosh Hashanah is self-improvement and making this a better world for all.

This is the time to make that extra effort to be nice to someone we have difficulty with. This is the time to perform charitable acts. This is the time to make up differences and separations. For if we as individuals do not make the effort how can we expect others to approach us in reconciliation. We are taught that God waits for the sinner to repent right until the very end.

Hillel asked: If I am not for myself, who will be for me? And if I am only for myself, what am I? And if not now, when? Now is the time to repair a little part of the world, with repentance, prayer and acts of kindness! Go for it!!!

I hope that you have all had a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you at services, social occasions and study.

With best wishes for a happy, healthy, successful and sweet new year,  
*leshannah tovah tikateivu - may you be inscribed for a good year,*

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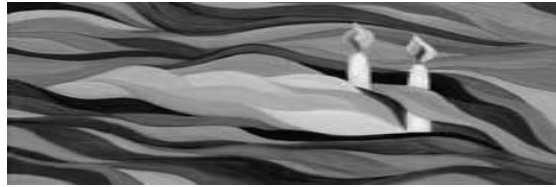
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### **JOIN US FOR SHABBAT SERVICES AND POTLUCK DINNER THE THIRD FRIDAY EVENING OF EACH MONTH AT 6:30PM**

October 2<sup>nd</sup> Erev Rosh Hashanah 7:30pm  
October 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Rosh Hashanah 9am  
October 11<sup>th</sup> Kol Nidre 7pm  
October 12<sup>th</sup> Yom Kippur 9am  
October 21<sup>st</sup> Sukkot/Simchat Torah/Shabbat pot luck 6:30pm  
November 4<sup>th</sup> Family Shabbat at a member's home  
November 18<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Service & Potluck 6:30pm  
December 2<sup>nd</sup> Family Shabbat in a member's home  
December 16<sup>th</sup> Shabbat Service & Potluck 6:30pm  
December 25<sup>th</sup> Chanukah party 6pm

### **President's Message – Annual Report 2016**

Once again, another year has flown by. Our little synagogue continues to thrive in this sanctuary we call the Adirondacks. My thanks go out to the entire board for helping to keep our synagogue alive and well. Our grounds continue to look wonderful thanks to Margie Philo. Some landscaping on the parking lot side of the building has been added. We constantly monitor the status of our aging facility. In 2015 we replaced sidewalks and the parking lot retaining wall, the rectory bathroom and repainted the trim on the rectory. This year's project was a bit smaller but one we have been discussing for over 20 years. We are now handicap accessible as we have a ramp from the sidewalk to the building. Thanks to Steve Bellew for keeping a constant eye on the building. We still have more to do. We want to renovate the existing bathrooms making them both unisex with one being designed as accessible. We also plan on a complete renovation of the kitchen.

High Holidays went quite well as always and was well attended. We enjoyed the chanting of Cantor Singer who will be returning again this year. Rabbi Friedmann was inspirational as always. Our holiday events have been well received. Purim this year brought a dozen people together for a very special Persian dinner prepared by our Chef Extraordinaire, Rabbi Friedmann, assisted by his 2 "Sue Chefs". Interspersed with the Purim story, dinner was sumptuous. The Passover Seder was lightly attended as we only had 21 in attendance which was really good for me as I was leaving the next day for surgery. We had the Bar Mitzvah of Solomon Rosner this summer.

We now participate in a community lunch program here in LP. When there is a 5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday in a month, we gather to provide the meals for this "pay what you can" program. Thanks to Jordanna Mallach for organizing this. Our family Shabbat pot lucks in member's homes have been well attended by families with young children. Thanks to Jordanna and Beth Brunner for organizing these. Speaking of Beth our congratulations are in order on the birth of Isaac Lee Brunner, born on Labor Day.

Again this year our membership has been sustained at the same level as has been over the past few years. We have about 50 families in total with about 1/2 of them full time residents. Our web site has been maintained thanks to volunteer Rose Goodman. Our summer weekly services and monthly Shabbat service and pot lucks tend to surprise us – sometime there are very few when we expect to see more, but then we are surprised at times when we have a minyon and then some.

And here we are at the beginning of a new year – so we get to do it all over again. With pleasure!

Sue Semegram, President

### **Chanukah Latke's & Chinese Food Party, Sunday, December 25<sup>th</sup>, 6pm**

Since our past few parties were such a success, we will repeat the home made Chinese Food. One of our Latke Kings will be frying up the Latkes at the synagogue. Everyone is invited to join us in a community Chanukah lighting followed by our Latke/Chinese Food Party complete with dreidels and gelt for all. Bring your menorah or use ours and, of course, bring the kids.

## High Holiday Schedule



### Rosh Hashanah:

Sunday	October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Eve:	7:30 pm
Monday	October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Morning:	9:00 am
		Torah Service:	10:00 am
		Taschlich at the LP Boat Launch	4:00 pm
Tuesday	October 4 <sup>th</sup>	Morning:	9:00 am
		Torah Service:	10:00 am

### Yom Kippur:

Tuesday	October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Kol Nidre:	7:00 pm
Wednesday	October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Morning:	9:00 am
		Torah Service:	10:00 am
		Ne'ilah:	6:00 pm

### Sukkot/Simchat Torah:

Friday	October 21 <sup>st</sup>	Shabbat pot Luck	6:30pm
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The Jewish High Holy Days are observed during the 10 day period between Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur. Rosh Hashanah means "head of the year" and is commonly known as the Jewish New Year. It is the day on which the year number changes, but unlike secular New Year celebrations, Rosh Hashanah is a solemn and holy time. It occurs on the first and second days of Tishri, the seventh month of the Jewish calendar, which falls in September or October. Yom Kippur, the Day of Atonement, is the most solemn day of the Jewish year and is observed on the tenth day of Tishri. Sukkot is the Jewish Harvest Festival, also called the Feast of Tabernacle. Simchat Torah follows immediately after Sukkot. We rejoice and sing with the Torahs, for the reestablishment of our covenant with the Torah.

## A time for Tzedakah

As we abstain from food on Yom Kippur, we must add meaning to our fast of repentance, and to the words of Isaiah that we read on this day: "Is this not the fast I have chosen...to share your bread with the hungry?" As we search within ourselves during these High Holy Days, we must also reach outward, seeking to act in ways that give greater meaning to our prayers for forgiveness. The Book of Leviticus tells us to leave the corners of our fields and the gleanings of our harvest for the poor and the stranger. Through our tzedakah we give new life to the ancient Jewish tradition of feeding the hungry. And we deepen the meaning of our Yom Kippur fast by helping to ease the involuntary fast of millions in our country and our world, whose hunger will not end at sundown.

At this time of self-examination, we remember our hungry brothers and sisters by bringing nonperishable food to the synagogue which we will donate to the local food bank. As you gather with friends and family to break your daylong fast, see that you also help break the fast of another. I ask you to share your fast with the hungry this year by giving to an appeal that collects food for those in need both here in our community and beyond. One of these is MAZON: A Jewish Response to Hunger, which helps feed hungry people everywhere. Closer to home is the Regional Food Bank of Northeastern New York. Give what you and your family would have spent on food for this one day, or give any amount that you feel is appropriate. Remember that Leviticus did not tell us the size of the corners of our fields to be left for the poor and the stranger. That element - measuring our own generosity - is left to each of us. Your act of *chesed*, of loving kindness, will help ease the hunger of millions of people for whom fasting brings not meaning, but pain.

## Rabbi's Annual Report

It is with great pleasure that I submit my 24th annual Rabbi's Report. This past year has been a quite normal year, both in activity and in attendance numbers. I am truly blessed and privileged to be your rabbi.

When I was hired, it was made clear to me that I should not expect congregants to attend and that I should not harass or cajole them to attend. Therefore my expectations have been met as I focus on those who come and meet their needs and expectations. So far it has worked for both sides of the equation.

Births, B'nei Mitzvah, and other life cycle events are all occurring in our community. Our celebrations of the Jewish holy days throughout the year is a result of the essence of the team spirit which exists between laity and clergy. My thanks to all who assist in making services happen and to those who tackle that very vital Jewish *raison d'être* - food, whether it be breakfast, latkes, onegs, Purim or post funeral meals.

I congratulate the Board for taking the bull by the horns and tackling a project which has been long in coming to fruition. We have a handicap ramp! This allows all of our community to access our building with ease for the first time. A great *Mazal Tov* to all of you.

I extend my sincere thanks to the Executive and Board of the Lake Placid Synagogue for their great support and helpfulness as we continue to keep Judaism alive and thriving in the beauty of the Adirondack Park. This past year you all helped a great deal as I recovered from the second operation on my right shoulder, which now is performing well, even if it is still very weak.

To all the members of our community, the true 'Frozen Chosen' I say thank you for making this the place with the warmest welcome on earth.

May the coming year be one of blessings, health, peace and fellowship.

Alec Friedmann, Rabbi

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## Yartzeit Candle/Yizkor Service

There are 4 times a year when Jews light a special candle, called a Yartzeit Candle, in memory of loved ones who have died. Yizkor is a memorial service recited on Yom Kippur as well as the last days of Passover, Shavuot, and Sukkot. Yizkor, the Hebrew word for "remember", asks God to remember those we mourn and to grant them proper rest.

A Yartzeit Candle is lit at sundown on...

- The first night of Yom Kippur
- The night of Shemini Atzeret (the 8th night of Sukkot)
- The second night of Shavuot
- The last night of Passover

Yizkor service takes place the following day.

Each issue of the newsletter contains YARTZEIT observances of individuals that have some connection to the temple. We would appreciate your help by carefully reviewing the list and advising us of any additions or corrections. If your loved ones names do not appear please send the correct information including the exact date so it can be converted to the Hebrew date. We would be honored to publish their names. Please email this to Sue at: [sue@lakeplacidynagogue.org](mailto:sue@lakeplacidynagogue.org)

<b>TISHRI</b>					
Tishri 1	October 3	Herb Chatzky Isadore Urfirer Minna Rosner	Ceshvan 18 Ceshvan 21	November 19 November 22	Ezra Feinberg Margaret Klein Harold Miller
Tishri 2	October 4	Golda Cautin Jacques Hailpern	Ceshvan 22	November 23	Aline Feinberg Jennie Schwartz
Tishri 3	October 5	Ben Cohn Leon Eisen Irving Nisson	Ceshvan 25 Ceshvan 26 Ceshvan 27 Ceshvan 29	November 26 November 27 November 28 November 30	Samuel Volpert, MD Irving Krinowitz Samuel Hailpern Herman Levine
Tishri 4	October 6	Hannah Feinberg Freda Zorn Sherman			
Tishri 9	October 11	Bernard Volpert	<b>KISLEV</b> Kislev 1	December 1	Jules Feather Anna Zak Arlan
Tishri 10	October 12	Adolph Van Dam Ben Balsam	Kislev 7	December 7	Judah Koltz
Tishri 11	October 13	Lorna Surkin Goldstein	Kislev 11	December 11	Sarah Feather
Tishri 13	October 15	Ann Panick Freda Effenbach	Kislev 12 Kislev 13 Kislev 23	December 12 December 13 December 23	Agnes E. Sadov Sadie Messe Abraham I. Spiro Mollie Streichler Meyer Laskin
Tishri 18	October 20	Carol Schrier Gelles			
Tishri 19	October 21	Emmily Bartholomew Sheer			
Tishri 20	October 22	Mose H. Ginsberg			
Tishri 24	October 24	Ann Brodsky	Kislev 25	December 25	Joel Kameron
Tishri 27	October 29	Ida W. Shevach	Kislev 26	December 26	Phil Gingold
Tishri 28	October 30	Lewis H. Berg Lily Kinberg	Kislev 28 Kislev 30	December 28 December 30	Bartholomew H. Ring Jeanette Cone
<b>CHESHVAN</b>					
Ceshvan 1	November 2	Grace Volpert			
Ceshvan 5	November 6	Moses Feinberg Aviva Kupperman			
Ceshvan 6	November 7	Harry Fendrick			
Ceshvan 8	November 9	Abe Kobel			
Ceshvan 9	November 10	Morris Edelberg			
Ceshvan 10	November 11	Mark Effenbach			
Ceshvan 17	November 18	Kate Auslander			
<b>TEVET</b>					
			Tevet 3	January 1	Edith M Agus
			Tevet 5	January 3	Ross Bloch
			Tevet 6	January 4	Joseph Durst
			Tevet 8	January 6	Renee H. Ring Sally Zaharia
					Jennie Blank
			Tevet 9	January 7	Rae Sheckley
			Tevet 10	January 8	Fanny Feinberg
			Tevet 11	January 9	

## Our sympathy goes out to the Friedmanns.

Susan Friedmann's mother, Herta Blum Flatter, sadly passed away on September 6th, 2016, just four days after her 97th birthday. She was a wonderful woman whose selfless love brightened our lives and made us richer for it. She will be in our hearts forever.